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Subject: Pedersen paper

Dr. Ala Alwan, Assistant Director-General  
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Dear Assistant Director-General Alwan:

The Pedersen Paper claims Sweden's amalgam usage is 74 %. This is an astounding falsehood. In fact, Sweden has phased out amalgam entirely; its usage is zero. Hospital-based dentistry had an exception from the ban for 1.5 y after the general ban in 2009. At the UNEP meeting in Stockholm 2010 the dental prof. Anders Berglund, Umeå, advisor to the Health and Welfare Board, reported that only 3 patients had been treated with amalgam in hospital dentistry during one year after the ban. Amalgam use has been very low in the years before the ban. Since Dr. Pedersen must know this - he has been involved in this issue for many years, and is himself Scandinavian - why would he be so grossly wrong? The entire Pedersen Paper is about why the transition out of amalgam should not be done, and it would appear that he perhaps planted false information to support this thesis. In any case, WHO should order this Pedersen paper to be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely

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